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PARTY CONFERENCES.

There was sound political sense manifested in the agreement of the caucus of Democratic Senators in Washington that there should be frequent conferences during the Congressional session now well begun and that continued effort be exerted to present a united party front on the leading questions.

The present session of Congress must inevitably exercise a strong influence on the Congressional campaigns next year and on the presidential campaign three years hence. Many matters of the utmost importance from the political viewpoint are now awaiting settlement. In the Senate and in the House the debates will be creative of campaign material to an exceptional degree.

Democratic Senators have an opportunity to render service of great value to their party by assuming and maintaining a consistent and harmonious position on the more vital issues that will arise for discussion. They must be aggressive and tactful alike, Good dership and disciplined action on the or of the Senate Chamber are imperative if the best results for the party are to be attained. The more frequent ferences now agreed upon should be conducive to this end.

OUT OF COURT.

Former Representative Cardwell says in an interview: "I am not through yet; I will have something later."

Unfortunately for Mr. Cardwell he has put himself in the position of a man whose sincerity can be questioned by every corruptionist in the State. The numerous comments of Republican and Democratic papers are conclusive to the effect that nothing from Mr. Cardwell will again be an issue.

Cardwell had an opportunity to finish is alleged "purification" when he was the plaintiff in a suit against The Reublic. In defending that suit The Reblic defended no act of corruption. If evidence of lobby influences had deed in the trial, The Republic was not to be held responsible for the men | 1903 worthy the greatness of the Lone involved. It was anxious to expose every evil doer.

sed task of reformer did not and until he had set forth the proof in way that could leave no doubt. He did not permit himself to testify; or any witness knowing what he professed to know. He quit when he should have been most eager to proceed-quit for

SPOILS ONLY.

If Missouri factional Republicans can get any satisfaction out of the old ge that everything comes to him who waits. President Boosevelt has certainly given them an opportunity to have their fill. Their inability to appreciate which the President has evidently taken may be excused when it is realized that | the front in 1903. upon the final decision regarding the Surveyor of the Port rests the destiny of Missouri Republican machine organi-

Federal appointments removed from the control of any faction in the Reiblican party, political activity ceases, nless an accidental opportunity pre ents itself to oust the fellows for tunate enough to be holding office. The principles permeate the party from top lished.

This perpetual struggle for Federal favors has pushed forward the worst ent in State politica. Republican rislators by their votes have upheld the things that make for corruption. If there has ever been a taint on any measpre before the General Assembly the and confidential advisers is "Colonel" stead of public interest. The Rean member of the General Asmbly who is not affected by the dedre for spoils and rake-offs is the ex- the Democratic State Committee was in

What else is to be expected? If the elves nothing but profits, can their s for the Legislature be expect- souri is closely identified. d to do anything but serve private cade when the opportunity is presented? The fact that the majority of the Redicans in Jefferson City have stood for nothing else when voting time arrived is only a consequence of the fashon set by leaders.

Until Republicans have a higher al fights and unanimous oport of shady legislation will be their a. If even a respectable minority ublican managers believed in instead of preaching anti-corotion there would be reason to hope se things, but the loaf is withou

No light for principle has ever been raged inside the Republican organiza-tes of Missouri, Ideals have no place a the machine's conception of politica 's conception of politics. the faintest suggestion of betterment. The fiercest accusation against Democratic control has never caused a single voter to believe that a change to Republican ascendency would not be for the worse instead of for the better.

PANAMA OR NICARAGUA.

Senator Morgan's vigorous denunciation of President Hutin of the Panama Canal Company for alleged interference with legislation intended to provide for the construction of an isthmian canal by the United States Government will add to the popular conviction that Panama influence is a factor in developing opposition to the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Under the terms of this treaty the construction of an American canal, subject to American control and police protection in time of peace and fortification and defense in the event of war, is held by eminent authorities to be clearly authorized. Coincident with the signing of the treaty by the American Secretary of State and the British Ambassador, the Isthmian Canal Commission, the President of which is an Admiral of the American Navy, reported in favor of the Nicaraguan route as the most practicable and desirable for such a canal. The ratification of the treaty and the beginning of work on the Nicaragua Canal seemed eminently desir-

The Panama Canal Company, according to Senator Morgan's report in connection with his bill providing for the Rica of the right-of-way via the Nicara-States Government. "Their agents," says Senator Morgan, "became accordmanifest purpose of this company to interfere with legislation by asking the President to inform Congress of a state of facts, as alleged, of which Congress is 'presumably without knowledge,' is an insult to the intelligence of Congress." Then, after declaring that M. Hutin had made an unmistakable proposal to sell the Panama property to the United States, Senator Morgan added: "The motive for this unseemly and unprecedented misconduct must be either that this canal company is desits success, or that it is endeavoring to prevent the competition of any canal with its Panama Railroad, the shares of which they value at \$500, the face value being \$100 per share, on account of its enormous earnings."

The American public will be glad to see the United States Senate promptly ratify the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in the vote to be reached on Monday. Partisan considerations should not prevail to develop obstructionist tactics. There is no other reason for opposing the treaty. And the ratification of the treaty will also remove the malign figure of the Panama Company, as drawn by Senator Morgan, from the scene. Senators must be careful not to subject themselves to censure either for narrow-minded political action or for apparent subservience to Panama influence.

TEXAS IN 1903.

Governor Sayers has appointed for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commissioners who will endeavor to raise enough money to provide a display in Star State.

By constitutional provision no rev-Cardwell's readiness to retire for enues of Texas can be used in aid of money makes him anything but a puri- expositions. At the last session of the E. His "vindication" has been bought Legislature unsuccessful efforts were with a price that few men would care made to devise some means whereby to pay. If he knew of corruption his the State might lend financial aid to the enterprise. The friends of the Fair were in a large majority, but legal restrictions made them helpless.

In the list of Commissioners whom Governor Sayers has named are found some of the best known business men of the State. They represent the progressmoney, he says. His role of reformer is two spirit of Texas. They will leave no stone unturned to provide an exhibit for 1903 that will be surpassingly beautiful. The large advances in commerce agriculture and industrial pursuits of the past few years make a great display imperative.

According to the plans of Governor Sayers, \$500,000 will be raised by private subscription. The liberality of this humorous view of the situation Texans is ample assurance that this sum will be secured. Texas will be in

BROWN MYSTERY.

Whom did "Brown" represent, assuming that such a person met the willing Barkis, Mr. Cardwell, at Kansas City? Not The Republic. Even Cardwell says that "Brown" did not claim any connection with this paper.

Not the Democratic State Committee or the State administration. Complete last of spoils and the lack of political disproof of that innuendo has been pub-

It must have been the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and its advisers.

Evidently there was a motive. The Globe had more than anybody else reason to desire a quick end of the Cardwell depositions.

In the first place, one of its expert blican representatives have been William H. Phelps of the Missouri Paaligned with the side of private | cific Railroad and also of the inner circle around Cardwell. In the second place, the depositions had reached a point where nothing more of injury to sight. In the third place, the investigation was heading straight for the lobby leaders of the party discuss among business at Jefferson City, with which the whole Republican machine in Mis-

> This obvious basis of sufficient motive, taken in connection with the Globe's notorious trickery in political matters, brings "Brown" right up to the cave of conspiracy in the Globe officea place where for a year past Republican schemers and a few professed Democrats, some lobbyists and some soreheads, have been concecting a plot to elect a Republican United States Senator and three Republican Supreme Court

> Judges. The Globe could expect from the Cardwell case nothing more of damage to its enemies, while there was a certainty that its friends were right in the path

of approaching trouble. There is as yet no direct evidence identifying the affluent and elusive Mr. Brown; nor is there direct evidence conhe pursuit of intrigue is common to necting him with anybody. Public tion. Republican direction of curlosity is reduced to the indirect proof mment has never held out of motive and probability. On that line of search the case of Brown is up to

Additional weight is given to the Globe theory of Brown by that paper's enthusiastic rejoicing over the dismissal of the suit. The Republic is deeply disappointed that the case ended before the full harvest of depositions was gathered. But the Globe and its close friends are so delighted that one must suspect a feeling of relief and comfort on their side of the house as of danger escaped and dread removed.

Is there anybody in the Globe crowd who is "about 28 years old, inclined to be fleshy and wearing a sandy mustache"? If so, he may be the muchsought Mr. Brown.

When we remember that the shortest line of communication with Cardwell leads straight to the Globe camp, the natural impression is that the Globe knows "Brown" and would tell all about him if it were not mixed up with Brown's Kansas City expedition.

MACARONI WHEAT. By showing results in a practical manner the Agricultural Department has more than once justified its creation. Farmers have begun to recognize that the advice which is rendered by the experts in the employ of the department is not to be lightly cast aside. By observing their recommendations positive benefits have been secured.

Interest attaches to an announcement of a forthcoming publication of the department in which macaroni wheats will acquisition from Nicaragua and Costa be discussed. In the Western States, especially in the semi-arid regions east guan route, has been making overtures of the Rockies, the possibilities of this to unload its enterprise on the United grain are beginning to be appreciated. The prevalence of drought last spring and summer emphasized the advantages ingly aggressive in this effort. The to be derived from a cultivation of this recent importation.

In large areas of the Northwest where the ordinary wheat crop was almost an entire failure, macaroni wheats produced a very fair crop of grain that was very little shriveled; while in Southwest Texas, where grain growing has been uniformly a failure, they yielded well and produced grain of apparently excellent quality.

It is estimated that a million or more acres can be given to profitable wheat raising, which on account of drought have heretofore either been entirely idle French stockholders have lost faith in years the result ought to be an addition of thirty or fifty million bushels to the annual wheat production of the Great Plains alone.

If these results can be obtained by the cultivation of hard wheat, farmers caunot afford to neglect an opportunity to utilize the new crop. Telegraph reports tell of the importation direct from Russia of a carload of macaroni seed wheat to Western Kansas. Other sections of the country have received smaller lots. Only a lack of knowledge of the hard wheat hinders its general distribution throughout the regions of intense heat and drought.

Mayor Wells has never been known to go around Robin Hood's barn. His determination to go straight to his object in the tetanus inquiry is on the assumption that the public has a right to know who was responsible for the distribution of the poisonous antitoxin.

With the first blizzard comes the first severe suffering of the poor. Remember the sufferers and remember that impostors will get most of the benefit unless you utilize the properly organized charities as the agent of your generosity.

Catching thieves and robbers is get ting to be an every-day accomplishment with St. Louis police and detec tives. By convicting the criminals they remove inducement for thugs to settle in this city.

One St. Louisan has figured that \$93,-257,500 is due the city. Unfortunately he has been following the Globe-Democrat's system of "average" mathematics and his word is discounted.

In the Fifty-seventh Congress there is opportunity for a tactful and welldirected minority to make much excellent campaign material from the mistakes of the majority.

Now that Congressman Hopkins has announced his candidacy for the Senate from Illinois Governor Yates will have

A skeleton of a prehistoric animal with a throat six feet across and eyes four feet wide has been unearthed near Enid, Ok. This sounds very much Wichita.

An exclusive club in Washington cannot put up with Republican Congressional dinners. In the West, no one has ever accused Republicans of being exclusive.

Alice in Wonderland saw nothing more interesting than the Congressional foray of Representative Burleson of Texas against the anthonomous grandis.

Mr. Cardwell is one of the few people who have heard that "Brown's in Town" without paying for the privilege of seeing the performance. Beaumont oil is said to be the best

smoke abater on the market. Texas and St. Louis can well afford to join hands in pushing the product. Popular protest against the ship-subsidy bill will not prevail to overcome the

syndicate influences which demand the bill's passage. National Committeeman Kerens thinks that the Republican factional fight "will be settled satisfactorily." Yes, to the

If only to give Senators McLaurin and Tillman a chance to cool off, the holiday adjournment of Congress is a good thing.

As between Senators Hanna and Foraker in the Ohio fight, what reason has President Roosevelt to favor Hanna?

An effort will be made in Congress to pass a law authorizing the exportation of highbinders Chinese, not political. There are still a few Republicans who

have not put in their applications for Federal jobs in Missouri. Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown-or is after a Federal appointment in Missourt.

PLAYHOUSE FAVORITES.



JULIA ARTHUR

(Mrs. B. P. Cheney of Boston), who will return to the stage for a special production of "The Winter's Tale."

perate in its purpose to unload its property on the United States because the or less profitably employed. In a few EAMES AND HOMER DIVIDED HONORS IN THE GRAU PRODUCTION OF "AIDA."

Perhaps the feature of last night's pro- | point lace, with velvet straps on the shoulduction of "Alda" by the Grau Opera Company at Music Hall, which will be most vividly remembered by the audience, was the surprising rivalry of Mine. Emma Eames in the title role and Mme. Louise Homer in that of Amneris. It does not often happen that Amneris imperils the supremacy of Aida, and it is possible, in the case of such an Aida as Eames, only when the part of Amneris is sung and acted by a surpassingly dramatic contraits. This came to pass last night.

Nor did the prima donna soprano scen to resent the rivalry in the least. Quite to the contrary, Mme, Eames rather appeared to relish it, and she was exceeding ly kind to Louise Homer, the daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman of Pittsburg, and one of the greatest "discoveries" ever made by Mr. Grau. It struck me that Eames took especial pains to share the honors with Homer to the fullest bent of the audience, and it was apretty sight to see, inasmuch as the Alda herself was in exceptional voice and acted with a fire surprising in one whom many persons consider as artistically cold. But, after all, the use was discriminating enough to give Mme. Eames the ultimate best of it, and so things turned out just as they should. Both singers scored a success of singular stinction, and deserved it to the fullest. The one disappointment of the evening was the substitution of Mr. Dippel for Mr. De Marchi as Radames, and this was a genuine and deep disappointment. Mr. Dippel had been heard at the Thursday matinee as Tannhauser, and folks were wild to hear De Marchi in this favorite role. But it was not to be, a printed slip inserted in the programme notifying incomers of the change. Also, indulgence was asked for Mr. Dippel in view of his Tannhauser work of only the preceding day. It must be said that, while this obliging tenor sang and acted with commendable and determined vigor, his voice was not quite equal to the unusual demands of the Radames role, failing in the necessary robustness and resonance at critical moments. Nevertheless, he gave a spirited performance and was gratifyingly adequate in stage presence. presenting a manly picture of that virile

character.
Mr. Campanari's fine and forceful Amon from Illinois Governor Yates will have another chance to show his predilection for getting busy.

A skeleton of a prehistoric animal

A skeleton of a prehistoric animal meister again met expectation as Una Sacre-dotessa. In the chorus the notable thing was the prime excellence of the male voice affording rather a cruel contrast to the feminine contingent, which was neither so strong nor well balanced as might have been the case in such a company. From the spectacular standpoint the production, while impressive seen in St. Louis. The grand picture of the second act, the triumphal scene, was surpassed, I think, by the Castle Square Company's superb achievement of

two years ago.

Again is it a pleasure to commend the exquisite work of the Grau orchestra. Mr. Seppill was the conductor last night and won the high praise of a discriminating audience. In the more imposing orchestra effects he handled his players in masterly

Where delicacy was required, and there

were many moments when the demand to this end was of the most trying description, the score received a treatment which sets the standard in this city. Those who were so happy as to pay espec to the orchestra have a delightful memory to treasure up with their fondest operatic recollections and are under profound obli-gations to Conductor Seppili and his men. But when all is said and done, it is scort, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Kalme, next Eames and Homer whom one recalls most vividly. There was a time in the third act when it seemed that Eames was about to to the Shoemakers. duplicate her feat of some seven years ago in "Lucia," when she brought a Music Hall audience to its feet, cheering and waving handkerchiefs and bravoing with wild enthusiasm. And always there was but a shade of difference between her triumph and that of Mme. Homer. It was a noble, artistic competition, waged in a spirit of splendid fairness between the two. It makes the "Aida" night of the Grau engagement of 1901 famous in local musical history. duplicate her feat of some seven years ago

ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE

AT "AIDA" PERFORMANCE.

The audience last night to hear "Alda" was both large and enthusiastic. Eame was in high favor, with many curtain calls; shouts of "Brava!" and patting of white gloved hands in the boxes after the love duct in the third act were frequent.

Quite as many handsome gowns appeared
in the lower house as on Thursday night. Mrs. Harrison Drummond was conspicu-ous in the Charles Clark box, wearing white gauze decollete gown, trimmed in sprays of pink sweet pens, with a great number of diamonds about her neck and on number of diamonds about her neck and on the corsage. In her hair was a half-coronet of sweet peas. Mrs. Clark wore a decollete gown of black net, covered with jet palliettes, the covered trimmed with

ders and many diamonds. Miss Mildred Lee of Richmond, Va., guest

of honor at the D. Q. C. bail on Thursday night, came with John H. Lee and sat in the front parquet. Miss Bessie Kingsland was a guest in the Castleman box, with D. H. Clarke. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kunkel brought friends. They have attended each per-

Mrs. Hayward and Miss Irwin Hayward came together. Mr. Mapleson, son of the late Colonel Mapleson, chatted in the foyer before the overture.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Fallon Delaney brought Miss Sloan.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Faust brought friends. Mrs. Faust wore white etamine and lace. Gustav Nieman and Arthur Lieber made

their third appearance of the week.

Theophile Papin brought several ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carrie have been constant in their attendance. They sat in

constant in their attendance. They sat in the front circle each night.

Miss Grace Bayard came with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoblitzelle and Miss Florence Harrison arrived together. Isaac Hedges brought Miss Ione Huse. Mr. Guy Clark escorted his mother, Mrs. Charles Taylor Clark. Charles Taylor Clark.
Miss Adele Howard and Miss Lucille

Miss Pettingill and Mrs. Haines were among the musicians present.

Mr. and Mrs. Zach Tinker and Miss Tinker had a box. Mrs. Tinker wore a handsome gown of pele blue satin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elliott and Miss Fairback sat in the parquet.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taussig arrived before

the overture.

Miss Scanian came with George P. Doan, Doctor and Mrs. Julius Ehrhardt were

in the first parquet.

Mrs. E. H. Semple, Miss Bertha Semple
and Miss Josephine Cobb came together.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLure, Miss Arche Mexico, and Charles Platt came together.

Mrs. Glauinni came with the Faust party.

The Medart box was again occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Medart, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Medart and Mr. and Mrs. Hart. Franklin P. Seltzer came alone, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bertram Cady brought

Miss Gillam. Charles Ward Rhodes and Doctor R. C. Relioff came together.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Bascome were in the parquet, near Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Alos brought friends

Miss Edna Fischel, in pale-blue crepe, came with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bollman were in the Mr. and Mrs. James L. Blair occupied their parquet seats, while Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Potter were near them on the

The Castleman box was again occupied by Mrs. Castleman, Miss Postlewaite and se

Miss Jeanus Capen came with friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Limberg had parquet seats with Miss Koehler and Julius Koehler. Miss Florence West came with Philip

Doctor and Mrs. Laidley were in the left Others in the audience were: Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bollman, Miss Susan Thomson, the Misses Rosalie McRee and Mary McRee, with Alex. Primm and Walter McKittrick; Dector and Mra W. A. Shoemaker in the front circle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koehler, Jr., George W. Parker, Miss George Wright and Georgie Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Rich-ard Spamer, Miss Virginia Wright and her

WOULD RETAIN FAMOUS NAME. Victor Hugo's Only Grandson

Makes Application to Court.

New York, Dec. 13 .- A dispatch from Paris to the Times says Victor Hugo's only grandson, Georges Hugo, has applied to he courts for permission to put the prefix, "Victor," before his family name.

ENLARGES BEAUMONT OIL FIELD Gusher Has Been Brought In in New Territory.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 13.-A new well has een brought in, which enlarges the known oil field several acres and brings it about 00 feet nearer the town. The new gushes is No. 119, and belongs to several companies

A. A. Selkirk & Co.'s Regular Saturday sale takes place every Saturday morning at 10:20 o'clock at their salesrooms, 1808-10-12 Chouteau avanue. Immense quantities of furniture, carpets, stoves and other miscellaneous articles are sold at very nominal figures.

MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR WAR THAT MAY NEVER COME.

Chile and Argentina Offer Proposals and Counter Proposals Looking Toward a Peaceful Settlement of Their Differences, but at the Same Time Both Countries Are Arming and Moving Men to Advantageous Positions.

Senor Yanez, Chilean Minister of Foreign
Affairs, has handed the basis of a new prop-Affairs, has handed the basis of a new prop osition to Senor Portela, Minister of the Argentine Republic to Chile, to effect the im partial and friendly settlement of the disnute between the two countries.

If these bases are refused by the Argentine Republic, Chile will make no further propositions. The refusal of the Argentine Republic will be taken as indicating that that country desires war.

The Chilean reply to the representations of the Minister of the Argentine Republic to Chile has not yet been made known. The newspapers here publish bulletins to day assuring the public that all matters between the two countries will be honorably

SETTLEMENT MAY BE MADE. London, Dec. 13.-The Associated Press learns from an authoritative source that the Chilean reply to the representations of the Minister of the Argentine Republic to Chile was presented to-day. Confidence is expect-

ed by the officials here that the basis for

a settlement proposed would lead to a satis-

factory arrangement between the two Gov-The Times to-day prints a dispatch from Valparaiso under to-day's date, announcing that decrees have been published calling out a sufficient number of conscripts and territorial guards to place 30,000 men at

disposal of Chile to protect the moun-WARLIKE AND PEACE TALK. Paris, Dec. 13.-A dispatch received here Faris, Dec. IX.—A dispatch received here from Santiago de Chile under to-day's date says: "The alarm manifested in Argentina is declared in Chilean official circles to be unwarranted. In the opinion

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 13.-Dispatches re- of the Government the boundary disputs

Ayres, date 11 o'clock this morning, confirming the dispatch of the Associated Press from Buenos Ayres last night, an-nouncing the calling out of the Argentine army reserves, and adding that at the rearmy reserves, and adding that at the request of the Government the Chamber of Deputies had sanctioned a bill setting aside the Conversion Fund to be used for the national defense. Continuing, the dispatch from Buenos Ayres says:

"The report that the United States will confirmed to the confirmed."

offer its good offices is confirmed. At Chile's request, the American Minister has sounded the intentions of the Argentine Government. Brazil has also offered medi-

"It was announced here that Chile has called out 15,000 men, but the news is questioned, because, according to the officials here. Chile does not possess the means to equip and move such a body of men.

"Much anxiety prevails here, in view of the fact that a decisive conference on the boundary dispute and other matters is to

take place at Santiago to-day. Public feeling is very strong.
"Senor Anchorena has offered to bear the

expense of a regiment during the entire campaign, and patriotic offers of various descriptions are arriving from all parts of the country. Nevertheless, in certain cen-ters, the opinion is persistently held that war between Argentina and Chile is im-BRAZIL OFFERS TO MEDIATE.

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 13.—The Brazilian Government has proffered its amicable mediation in the Argentina-Chile dispute. It would seem here that this action will not be necessary, as both the Argentine and Chilean Governments hope to come to

NEW TANDEM KITE SCHEME PROMISES TO GREATLY INCREASE THE RANGE OF WIRELES TELEGRAPHY. •

New York, Dec. 13.—William A. Eddy, who has just arrived in Bayonne, N. J. from Noank, Conn., has written to Mr. Marconi, inclosing diagrams of an improved tandem kite system for reaching a height of 3,000 feet with Major Baden-Powell's system of kites. He thinks this system will enable Marconi to send messages at least 1,900 miles, because every increase in height has so far enormously increased the range of wireless telegrams. Should the receiving vessel, 2,000 miles out at sea, also send up a receiving wire by means of kite storm flyers to a height of 3,000 feet, Mr. Eddy thinks the 1,000-mile limit will be more than doubled. Major Baden-· Powell fastens one kite to the back of another when flying the kites tandem, but Mr. Eddy says that with the improved system of fastening radiating lines to a main line the safety would be greater than with one kite, because if one kite gives out the others would sustain the apparatus.

LATIN-AMERICANS ELECT PRESIDENT.

E. C. Robbins Successor to Clark H. Sampson as Head of the Club.

E. C. Robbins, president of the St. Louis Well, Machine and Tool Company, has been elected president of the Latin-American Club, to succeed Clark H. Sampson,



FI C. ROBBINS. Successor to Clark H. Sampson as presidel

of the Latin-American Club. who retired early this week. Mr. Sampson was chosen president of the club at the annual election held last week. He has found that his duties as president of the Colonial Trust Company are so great that he would be unable to devote proper at-tention to the interests of the Latin-Amer-

His successor, Mr. Robbins, is thoroughly acquainted with the traffic carried on between St. Louis and Mexico and other Latin-American Republics. He has traveled extensively in Latin America, and has been in touch during the last ten years with the principal merchants and officials of those countries. Mr. Robbins is a thorough Spanish scholar, and will devote much of his time to the affairs of the club.

UNITED STATES MAY LEND BIG SUM TO RUSSIA.

London, Dec. 12.-A special correspondent in Berlin says he hears that, owing to objections being made to • projected Russian loan of 200,000,000, • financiers in the United States will • • shortly be sounded as to the possibli-• ity of placing \$100,000,000 of the loan in • that country.

RETAIL DRUGGISTS DANCED. Association Gave First Ball at Liederkranz Hall.

In spite of the driving snowstorm last night the Retail Druggists' Association gave its first annual ball to the entire satisfaction and great enjoyment of the mem-bers. The affair took place at Liederkrans Hall, Thirteenth street and Chouteau avenue. President Whelpley of the American Pharmaceutical Association was one of the guests. Some of the others were Mines. guesta. Some of the others were Mmes. Hagenau, Hahn, Merrem, Vitt, Hassenbroch and Broughal, the Misses Spilker, Miss Broughal and Miss Goodberiet and Messrs. Rudoiph S. Vitt, H. F. Hassenbroch, Earl Cook, C. Smith, Doctor Ellis, J. Weigel and Miller.

The committee in charge of the ball consisted of Theodore F. Hagenau, Charles W. J. H. Hahn, Charles D. Merrem, H. W. Friedewald and Robert C. Reilly.

Mrs. Mary A. Lutman of Upper Alton died yesterday morning at the home of her son, W. T. Lutman, on Brown street from the effects of an abscess. Mrs. Lutman was & years old. The body will be taken to Canton, Mo., this afternoon, where the funeral will take place to-morrow.

DOCTOR HARPER NOT TO ACCEPT PLACE.

Chicago Educator Declines Directorship of International Congresses at World's Fair.

Doctor William Rainey Harper, president of the University of Chicago, has finally deolded, after an interview in New York with John G. Rockefeller, that he cannot accept the post of Director of International Congresses of the World's Fair, which was tendered to him by President Francis of the

Exposition Company.

The news of Doctor Harper's decision reached St. Louis yesterday, after it was ern metropolis to consult with the oil mag-nate, who is the founder and principal enlower of the university with which he is

produtment are that his work for the pext appointment are that his work for the next few years will require such close and con-stant attention that he cannot see his way clear to accepting any additional burden. Late in November news was received by officials of the Exposition which caused them to believe that the matter was set-tled. Nothing more was heard from Doctos Harper on the subject until his recent visit to New York for the purpose of meeting

tied. Nothing more was heard from Doctor Harper on the subject until his recent visit to New York for the purpose of meeting Mr. Rockefeller. President Francis was also in that city Thursday, and it is supposed that while there he met both Ma. Rockefeller and Doctor Harper, when the appointment was declined.

President Francis was to arrive in the city last night, but up to a late hour the members of his family had not received any word from him. As he is believed to know all of the particulars of Doctor Harper's refusal, nothing definite could be learned of what the Exposition Company proposes to do in the way of supplying the vacancy.

David T. Day, chief of the Department of Mines and Metallurgy of the Exposition has arranged an interview between President "rancis and Gifford Pinchot, Chief of the Forestry Division of the United States Department of Agriculture, for to-day, Mr. Pinchot will make an address before the Round Table Club at the St. Louis Club tonight on "The Preservation of Our Timber Buppily," In explaining the intention of the interview, Chief Day said:

"Mr. Pinchot has shown a direct interest in the forestry exhibit at the coming World's Fair, and I feel that a conference between him and President Francis will result in benefit. He has a number of suggestions for making the exhibit great beyond that of any previous exposition."

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Washington, Dec. 12.—The romance of Mrs. Thomas F. Lane and the Chevalles Trentenove seems to be at an end. Their engagement was announced in Washington a few weeks ago, while that Chevaller was abroad. The scuiptor denied that any engagement existed and went so far as to write a friend in Milwankee that the story was "All nonsense."

Mrs. Lane, on the contrary, to-day, stated that there had been an engagement and that she had broken it. According to her first plans, she was to be married to the Chevaller here on December 17. Then she publicity announced through the papers that the wedding was postponed, and would take place in London, a month later. She also made public the fact that she had taken a house on Carleton terrace, next to that of Lord and Lady Curson, and would live there with her future husband.

To-day she stated that the sculptor was very exacting and of a jealous temperament, in virtue of which she decided to break her engagement to him.

An interesting feature in the accounts of the future marriage was the wedding sown, which was designed by the arrist and, as to-day stated by Mrs. Lane, was the gift of the prespective bridegroom's mother, who ordered it made by the lacemakers of Tuscany. Mrs. Lane told how much in favor of the wedding her future mother-in-law was and gave the fact of her gift of such a handsome gown as confirmation of this statement. And so the matter rests.

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